

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR SEZs
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land allotted for Special Economic Zones(SEZs) are being largely utilised for real estate business; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) No Sir. The land area notified as Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is required to be developed within 3 years of the date of notification. The authorized activities eligible for tax concessions are granted by the Board of Approval on the basis of list of activities notified by the Central Government. The development of infrastructure like housing, commercial spaces, recreational amenities is allowed in phased manner depending on the progress in allotment/occupancy in the processing area. The quantum of these infrastructural facilities is based on employment generation potential of the SEZ. As per the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006, land in the SEZ cannot be sold.

(b) Does not arise.